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THAN THE GRAFT CONDUIT

Examiner: M. K. RYCKMAN

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION SUBMISSION AND
AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS RCE
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Dear Sir:

This RCE Submission and Amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action, mailed on July 8, 2008, in connection with the above application. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time to file the RCE Submission in respond to the outstanding Final Office Action. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.